

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
CX-NM-060-2002-0032
New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Dept.
NM-105407

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mineral Material Disposal (Sand and Gravel)

Location of Proposed Action: T. 01 N., R. 19 E., NMPM
Sec. : 06, NW¼NE¼

Description of Proposed Action: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department has expressed a need for 20,000 LCY of mineral materials (sand & gravel). The material is to be obtained from stockpiles within an existing cleared pit and is to be used for Hwy. 285 construction.

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is in accordance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), and is consistent with existing Bureau policy and guidance

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

Part II: NEPA Review

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, F (10). It has been reviewed and none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

<u>/s/ Jerry Dutchover</u>	<u>2/19/2002</u>
Jerry Dutchover, Geologist	Date

<u>/s/ Irene M G Salas</u>	<u>2/19/2002</u>
Irene M. G. Salas	Date
Environmental Coordinator	

III. Decision

I have reviewed the proposed action and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance and that the action is categorically excluded from NEPA documentation. It is my decision to implement the proposed project subject to BLM Standard Terms and Conditions for Mineral Material Sites.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.

<u>/s/ Larry D. Bray</u>	<u>2/19/2002</u>
Larry D. Bray, Assistant Field Manager	Date
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